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1. SCICOUNS SPOLE TO BRUNS MARCH 27. WHILE HE IS DOING THEORETICAL MODELING ON HYDROGENATION, A SUBJECT MATTER ALONG THE LINES OF HIS AND HIS SPONSORS ANTICIPATION, HE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT EXPERIMENTAL WORK. BRUNS SAID, QUOTE THEY ARE AT A STOPPING POINT. THEY HAVE MORE DATA THAN THEY NEED. UNQUOTE. NEVERTHELESS, BRUNS AGREED WITH SCICOUNS THAT QUOTE IT WOULD HAVE BENNEN BETTER UNQUOTE TO DO EXPERIMENTIAL WORK.

2. SCICOUNS INFORMED BRUNS THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO ESTABLISH HOW HIS WORK WAS PROGRESSING AND WHETHER BRUNS HAS BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN NEW TECHNIQUES. SCICOUNS SUGGESTED THAT BRUNS ASK SLINKO FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO EITHER REPEAT OR EXTEND THE EXPERIMENTS IN MODELING AND DATA REDUCING. SCICOUNS PROMISED TO CHECK APRIL 1 WHAT THE ANSWER IS GOING TO BE. HE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF A POSITIVE ANSWER WOULD BE GREATER IF BRUNS WERE PERMITTED TO DO EXPERIMENTAL AS WELL AS THEORETICAL WORK. FYI: BRUNS HAS BEEN TOLD BY SLINKO THAT THE EXTENSION PERMISSION IS PURELY A FORMALITY, WHAT THE SOVIETS ARE CONCERNED, AND THAT ALL DEPENDS ON RECEIVING PERMISSION FROM WASHINGTON. SCICOUNS APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S CONFIDENCE IN EMBASSY JUDGMENT AND WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISE AS TO FUTURE PROGRESS AT NOVOSIBIRSK. CONFIDENTIAL

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